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Premier Khrushchev's speech in Sofia dispels any doubt that may have existed about his personal position in the dispute with Yugoslavia. In this speech he virtually accepted the entire Chinese indictment against Belgrade, including even the thesis that the 1948 Cominform resolution expelling the Yugoslavs was correct.

The Soviet Premier turned to Homer for a figure of speech to aid his anti-Yugoslav campaign. Revisionism among Communists, he declared, is like the Trojan Horse with which the Greeks conquered Troy. The implication is plain: Just as the Trojans should have destroyed the wooden horse which brought their downfall, so modern communism must destroy the revisionists, beginning with the Yugoslavs. This is a jarring theme indeed in this era of Soviet propaganda about "peaceful coexistence."

The West created neither modern Yugoslavia nor modern revisionism. Neither was it the West which prompted Khrushchev to journey to Belgrade in 1955 to ask humbly for the Yugoslav peoples' forgiveness of the Soviet crimes committed against them. True, the West, notably the United States, has aided Yugoslavia in recent years and much is being made of this by Khrushchev and others. But is not the United States now helping Poland? Did not the United States supply over \$11,000,000,000 worth of essential goods to the Soviet Union during World War II, aid for which no payment has ever been received? Has Khrushchev forgotten the period in 1945 and 1946 when as Communist boss of the Ukraine he gratefully received American and other Western aid supplied through UNRRA?

But if the Trojan Horse analogy is nonsense, the evident Communist fear of independent thinking and of questioning of old dogmas is quite clear. The Soviet camp has never dared let its people know accurately what the Yugoslavs actually are saying and why.